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SUBJECT: EFAMBE Y'OLANGA, NEW REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF SHABA

1. FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATED BIO ON EFAMBE, NEW SHABAN REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, BASED UPON KISANGANI A-04 CIRCA 1971 AND EMBASSY FILES. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION MORE CURRENT THAN 1972.

2. EFAMBE, BORN IN 1930, IS A MEMBER OF THE KUNDE SUB-GROUP OF THE MONGO. HE WAS BORN IN BOLENGE, EQUATEUR NEAR MBANDAKA. HIS FATHER WAS A TEACHER IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL THERE RUN BY THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST (DCC). EFAMBE WENT TO A DCC PRIMARY SCHOOL AT WEMA IN WESTERN EQUATEUR, SWITCHING LATER TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

3. HE ATTENDED SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MBANDAKA WHERE HE WAS A CLASSMATE AND FRIEND OF ONE JOSEPH MOBUTU. HE, LIKE MOBUTU, WENT FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL INTO THE FORCE PUBLIQUE, WHERE HE SPENT TWO YEARS, FINISHING AS A SERGEANT. HE THEN WAS APPOINTED TO THE TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE. AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE, HE WAS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF EQUATEUR DISTRICT OF EQUATEUR PROVINCE.

4. DURING THE EARLY POST INDEPENDENCE PERIOD EFAMBE WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ENGULU, WORKING UNDER HIM IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERN-
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MENT OF EQUATEUR UNTIL 1966, WHEN PROVINCIAL MINISTERS WERE ABOLISHED.

5. IN APPROXIMATELY 1967 EFAMBE WAS MADE AN EXECUTIVE OF THE COMPAGNIE MARITIME CONGOLAISE (CMC), NOW KNOWN AS THE COMPAGNIE MARITIME ZAIROISE (CMZ). HE HELD THAT POSITION UNTIL DECEMBER 1970, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER FOR ORIENTALE

PROVINCE. SUCCESSIVELY HE WAS NAMED COMMISSIONER FOR EQUATEUR, 9/71; ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF SHABA 3/72? ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR BAS-ZAIRE 1972-1974; COMMISSIONER FOR BAS ZAIRE 1974-77.

6. AIRGRAMS AND LETTERS IN EFAMBE FILE FROM AMCONSULS LUBUMBASHI, KISANGANI AND BUKAVU IMPART THE IMPRESSION OF AN INTELLIGENT, WELL-INFORMED AND FAIRLY SKILLED ADMINISTRATOR. HE IS A CAREFUL POLITICIAN, TAKING CARE NOT TO ALLOW HIS STAR TO RISE TOO FAST. WHILE AT LUBUMBASHI HE WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ACTIVE IN PARTY FUNCTIONS BUT CAREFUL NOT TO UPSTAGE HIS SUPERIORS. HE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY BUKAVU AS BEING VERY PRO-AMERICAN. LUBUMBASHI STATES THAT HE WAS AN HONEST ADMINISTRATOR WHO WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND DEPENDABLE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN.

7. HIS PERSONALITY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS BEING WARM AND WITTY IN PRIVATE BUT RATHER RESERVED IN PUBLIC. HE IS A FAMILY MAN, HAVING AT LEAST 8 CHILDREN. HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO TAKE SOME OF HIS CHILDREN TO PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.
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